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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING
I-JOBS II GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, during the 2010 Legislative Session, the Iowa Legislature enacted Senate File 2389 (the "Act"), creating the I-Jobs II Program and providing for I-Jobs grant funding to assist in the development and completion of public construction projects relating to disaster prevention; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa, I-Jobs II Program is currently accepting grant applications for local disaster prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plymouth, Iowa, desires to apply for and obtain financial assistance through the I-Jobs II Program for the construction of a publically accessed storm shelter in the basement of the Courthouse Annex building with restroom facilities and ground level access.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plymouth, Iowa, endorses and authorizes the submission of a grant application to the I-Jobs II Program for local disaster prevention.

Passed and approved this 27th day of July, 2010.

Jim Hennrich
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Stacey Feldman Approved by
County Auditor County Attorney's Office



Plymouth County Auditor

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July 27th, 2010

IJOBS Local Infrastructure Program,

The Plymouth County Elected Officials would like you to consider our letter of support for the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building storm shelter in order to seek grant funds from the IJOBS Local Infrastructure Program, for the construction of this shelter.

Collectively we feel the addition of a storm shelter in the new Courthouse Annex is an important public infrastructure to have for our safety and for residents of this community. The Driver's License office will be located on the main level of the Courthouse Annex and is open two days a week with a high volume of public doing business on those days. In addition, the Juvenile Court Services department will also be located in the annex building. Juvenile Court Services encounters visits with juveniles and their families each day in addition to some evening visits. This storm shelter provides a safe below ground area in case emergency weather conditions arise; sometimes with out much warning.

Not only are each of us here to provide the best public service that we can, but we feel it is important that the Plymouth County citizens have adequate and safe infrastructure in place within their communities.

IJOBS - Iowa's Infrastructure Investment Initiative is designed for various economic and infrastructure development needs, therefore, we would ask you to highly consider this project as a recipient of those funds!

Sincerely,

Stacey Feldman, Auditor

Linda Dobson, Treasurer

Jolynn Goodchild, Recorder

Bob Heyderhoff, Assessor

Darin Raymond, Attorney

Andrea Westergard, Economic Development Director

Mike VanOtterloo, Sheriff



Plymouth County Board of Supervisors

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July 27th, 2010

IJOBS Local Infrastructure Program,

The Plymouth County Board of Supervisors would like you to consider our letter of support for the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building storm shelter with the use of grant funds from the IJOBS Local Infrastructure Program.

Plymouth County is constructing a ground level entrance to the public storm shelter in the basement of the new Courthouse Annex building. All annex personnel, Plymouth County Courthouse personnel and any member from the public that would be doing business in either of those building will be able to utilize the shelter during and emergency. Not only will it provide a safe storm shelter to employees, **any** public citizen may use the facility during a storm or weather related emergency. Storm shelter access will be made available to the public after courthouse hours as well, to always provide a safe public place when needed. The shelter will be an energy efficient structure and will also contain accessible restroom facilities.

IJOBS - Iowa's Infrastructure Investment Initiative is designed for various economic and development needs; we would like you to please consider this project as a recipient of those funds!

Sincerely,

Jim Henrich, Board of Supervisor Chairman

Don Kass, Board of Supervisor Vice Chairman

Mark Loutsch, Board of Supervisor

Craig Anderson, Board of Supervisor

C. Gordon Greene, Board of Supervisor

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July 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors is applying for a grant through the IJOBS program to assist with the construction of an annex to the Plymouth County Courthouse. It is also my understanding that the annex will include a certified storm shelter in the basement. Please consider this letter a letter of support for the project and Plymouth County's application.

The Le Mars Community School District supports the project and grant application for a couple of reasons. The space the annex will provide is desperately needed by county officials and has been identified as a need for many years. More importantly to the school district and the residents around the Courthouse, the certified storm shelter in the basement of the annex will provide a secure location in the event of a weather emergency. The central location of the Courthouse, with proximity to one of our elementary schools and two city parks, makes this an ideal location for a certified storm shelter accessible to the public.

If I can be of any further assistance in support of the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors application for the IJOBS grant, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,



Todd Wendt, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



LE MARS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 22, 2010

To: Plymouth County Board of Supervisors

Re: Support for Grant application.

Dear Board:

This letter is to indicate the LeMars Police Departments support of your grant application for funding for a “safe room” to be located in the lower level of the Plymouth County Courthouse annex building.

It is critical for the County to provide a safe room for the employees of the Court House and the general public using the Court House and people living in the neighborhood who may not have access to a safe location. Thank you for including a safe room in your new facility.

Respectfully:

Stuart Dekkenga
LeMars Chief of Police



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July 20, 2010

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the City of LeMars, Iowa regarding a grant that the Plymouth County Supervisors has applied for a Storm Shelter on their new building they will be erecting.

This will not only be a benefit to them but also a benefit to the whole community in the event of storms.

Please consider them a candidate for this grant. Thank you so much

Dick Kirchoff
Mayor of LeMars



**Le Mars Area Chamber of Commerce
Le Mars Business Initiative Corporation**

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I-Jobs Disaster Prevention Grant Program

July 22, 2010

I-Jobs Board,

On behalf of the LeMars Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) and the LeMars Business Initiative Corporation (LBIC), I would like to extend our support of the application submitted by the Plymouth County Board of Supervisors. This application is for assistance with a new construction project soon to begin in LeMars.

To address the space needs in our County Courthouse, the Supervisors have approved the construction of a stand alone facility next to the current building. Designed as part of the lower level of this new building, is a public storm shelter. At present there is no true storm shelter at the Courthouse for the employees or the general public. Not only would this safety design address that fact; but it would also provide a safe place for children and adults who may be at the grade school or parks, all within a three block area.

This is definitely an example of maximizing the use of space, while addressing a public safety issue. Should this application be awarded, the dollars will clearly be used as intended; for public construction projects relating to disaster prevention. Such a facility will help turn a potential disaster into a bad weather experience.

On behalf of both the LACC and the LBIC I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Neal Adler
Director, LACC/LBIC

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July 20, 2010

Ms. Stacey Feldman
Plymouth County Auditor
Plymouth County Courthouse
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Re: Construction of Emergency Storm Shelter

Dear Stacey;

I am writing to support the county's construction of an emergency storm shelter in the new annex being constructed. The court will have four plus individuals working in the facility at any one time in addition to youth and families that regularly come in for appointments. In addition, we anticipate some use of the facility for after-hours activities including mediation or other therapeutic court operations that work with families after normal business hours. It is important that all safety protocols be in place for all individuals that will be working in the facility or coming for appointments.

I look forward to progress being made on the building project. ☺

Cordially,



Leesa A. McNeil

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July 21, 2010

Plymouth County Auditor
Stacey Feldman
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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express Floyd Valley Hospital's support for the grant application for a tornado shelter as part of the planned Plymouth County Annex in Le Mars, Iowa.

This type of facility is important not only for the obvious general community benefit, but also for Floyd Valley Hospital specifically since nearly 80% of our staff resides in this community. A safe place for our staff and their families when needed is needed in this part of town.

We value the peace of mind at home and while at work for much of our 300 staff members. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at 712-546-3492.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MTD", followed by a horizontal line.

Michael T. Donlin
Administrator

MTD/ts



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TO: PLYMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for Plymouth County to provide a safe room in the new court house annex building. This room would be a valuable asset to the staff in the building and citizens who are doing business in the building. This area could be used for residents also located in the neighborhoods near the court house as well in the event of a major event in the City of Le Mars. This area in the building should be available at all times and allow occupancy of workers and citizens. This room could serve as a storm shelter or area of refuge for other emergencies that may occur and not just severe weather. I fully support this endeavor.

Sincerely,

David Schipper
Le Mars Fire Chief

Plymouth County Emergency Management
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July 19, 2010

Letter of Support

I strongly support the addition of the safe room being included in the new, Plymouth County Annex building. The county supervisors foresight and consideration of the citizens, visitors and employees safety in our county court house; is justification of their dedication and actions to support the county emergency plans and safe room.

The weather patterns in the Midwest appear to be increasing in severity over the past several years. Each safe room or building is very important to the safety and shelter needed for individuals. Limited shelter, often times are not always available, on very short notice of danger.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary L. Junge".

Gary L. Junge
Plymouth County HLSEM